



Invitation

Lisa and Heinrich Arnhold Lecture

A HIGHER LOYALTY: SOVIET COLLABORATORS IN THE WEST IN DEPRESSION AND WAR

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 09:15 a.m.

Location: *Technische Universität Dresden, Beyer-Bau, BEY/118/H, George Bähr-Straße 1*

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Introduction by **Hans Vorländer**, Professor of Political Science and Chair of Political Theory and the History of Political Thought, Technische Universität Dresden

In a time of extreme peril, from the 1930s Popular Front to the “strange alliance” of World War II to the early years of the Cold War, an astonishing number of the West’s most trusted and highly placed policymakers, experts, and planners collaborated, many in secret, with one of the most murderous regimes in history. Neither mercenaries nor mere adventurers, the collaborators were mostly highly educated mandarins who managed Allied wartime finance, weapons development, diplomacy, and intelligence, and were determined to reap the fruits of victory by establishing a post-war order based on the ideal of one world and comity with the Soviet Union. They saw themselves not as fifth columnists or spies but as reformers of institutions they had once wished to destroy. There is no historical precedent for the scale, scope, and sophistication of this collaboration between Westerners and the Soviets. Even half a century later the difficult questions continue to defy easy explanation.

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